

PUBLIC NOTICE



U.S. Dept. of Energy Extends Public Comment Period Regarding Livermore Laboratory Environmental Document

Based on requests from other agencies and the public, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Oakland Operations Office announces it is extending the public scoping period until September 16, 2002 regarding its intent to prepare a Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) that would evaluate the environmental effects of the operation of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, CA. The public scoping period was originally scheduled to be from June 17 – August 13, 2002. As announced in the Notice of Intent (67 FR 41224; June 17, 2002), DOE also held two public scoping meetings in Livermore, CA on July 10, 2002 and two public scoping meetings in Tracy, CA on July 11, 2002.

Written comments on the scope of the SWEIS or requests for information should be sent to Mr. Thomas Grim, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612-5208. Comments may also be sent by E-mail to tom.grim@oak.doe.gov or facsimile (925-422-1776). Written scoping comments postmarked or received by September 16, 2002 will be considered in the preparation of the Draft SWEIS. Comments postmarked or received by e-mail or facsimile after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Access to further information, including the original Notice of Intent, is available on the following web site: www-envirinfo.llnl.gov. A toll-free line, 1-877-388-4930 is available to leave messages and receive information on how to submit comments.

Governmental agencies interested in participating as a designated cooperating agency should contact Mr. Grim at (925) 422-0704 by September 16, 2002. They first may want to consult the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508). Certain sections of those regulations, particularly §1501.6 and §1508.5, describe the selection and responsibilities of cooperating agencies that have jurisdiction by law or special expertise in the issues to be addressed in an environmental impact statement.